

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. ^{now Patent No. 6,667,193} 10/108,439, filed March 29, 2002, (now allowed), which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/108,483, filed March 29, 2002 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,590,276), which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/733,929, filed December 12, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,399,423).

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTIONFIELD OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, between lines 12 and 13, add the line:

DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

IN THE ABSTRACT

~~To improve the connection reliability at the time of packaging a semiconductor device and to make the method management easy in a semiconductor device manufacturing method.~~

The semiconductor device comprises: a tube 1 for supporting a semiconductor chip 2; a sealing body 3 formed by sealing the semiconductor chip 2 with a resin; a plurality of leads made of a copper alloy, exposed to the back face 3a of